

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the information disclosure statement and not considered all the references listed therein. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this position taken by the Examiner for the following reasons. In particular, the instant application is the national stage of PCT/DE 2004/002427. The references not considered by the Examiner were the subject of the international search report and were communicated to the US PTO by the PCT office. The US PTO explicitly requests that national stage applicants not resubmit the PCT search report references in order to avoid duplication in the file. Therefore, by not including the references along with the information disclosure statement, the Applicant has simply followed establish US PTO procedure. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to refer to the international portion of the file, to retrieve the subject references and to acknowledge consideration thereof by initialing the references in the usual manner.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, referring to recitation of two vertically extending elongated holes as well as the second latch part partially surrounding the first end of the second bolt. In response thereto, appropriate correction has been taken. Small additional corrections to independent claim 7 have also been taken for clarity reasons. Claim 10 has been also amended to distinguish the elongated hole in the bracket at the second end of the elongated housing as recited in that claim from the elongated hole in the plate of claim 7. Review and acceptance is requested.

The Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 8 through 12. The amendments to claim 7 therefore place the application into a position of allowance. Passage to issuance is therefore requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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